

**Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment Dialogue
Summary of Action Items and Key Decisions
June 5 and 6, 2002
Edgewood, Maryland**

June 5 and 6, 2002 ACWA Dialogue Meeting Synopsis

The June 5 and 6, 2002 Dialogue meeting was designed to provide:

- a general update on the ACWA Program including technical, environmental, and site-specific updates;
- a discussion regarding the Engineering Design Packages (EDP) results;
- review of the National Research Council (NRC) Committee work to date;
- finalization of the Dialogue's Message in the Report to Congress;
- an update on the work of the Defense Acquisition Board (DAB); and
- a review and evaluate the overall Dialogue process.

Meeting Summary Structure

This meeting summary is not intended to be a verbatim record of conversations, but instead is meant to provide an overview of the discussions and next steps committed to by various members of the Dialogue. The Report to Congress should serve as the primary outcome of the June Dialogue meeting. Additionally, other key action items identified in the meeting and a synopsis of the major questions and comments discussed during the various updates are noted below. Copies of slides and handouts presented during the meeting can be obtained from Horne Engineering by calling 888-482-4312.

ACTION ITEMS

Action Item: ACWA will maintain its website and current links. ACWA will notify Dialogue participants via e-mail regarding major actions and new information posted to the ACWA web site, specifically including Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) and Record of Decisions (RODs). ***Timeline:*** On-going. NOTE: If you wish to no longer receive e-mails informing you of ACWA activities, please notify Horne Engineering at 888-482-4312.

Action Item: ACWA will provide information regarding the EIS process as acceleration options are considered for all sites. ACWA will coordinate with other parts of the military to update the Dialogue via e-mail or the web site. ***Timeline:*** On-going.

Action Item: ACWA will notify Dialogue participants of new ACWA technical reports and how they might be accessed. Those Dialogue participants interested in specific topics or reports should contact Joe Novad. Mr. Novad can be reached at: 410-436-5691. ***Timeline:*** On-going.

Action Item: ACWA will provide Colorado participants with greater detail on cost and schedule estimates related to acceleration options. ***Timeline:*** On the agenda for the June 21 meeting in Pueblo.

Action Item: ACWA/Horne will send all Dialogue participants a final Report to Congress. ***Timeline:*** When available.

Action Item: The NRC will inform Dialogue participants regarding the availability of the NRC Committee Blue Grass report and follow-up letter report. ***Timeline:*** As available.

Action Item: Keystone Center will write and distribute an ACWA Dialogue evaluation summary. ***Timeline:*** September 2002.

Action Item: Dialogue participants present at the meeting indicated their willingness to be used as a resource to government folks on an individual basis since the formal Dialogue structure is being disbanded. ***Responsible Entities:*** Government personnel should contact individuals directly. ***Timeline:*** On-going.

Action Item: If requested by Congress, ACWA and Dialogue participants will provide a briefing outlining the final outcomes of the Dialogue and the ACWA Program. **Timeline:** As requested.

Outline of Key Questions and Discussions during the June 5 and 6 Dialogue Meeting

Opening Comments by Mike Parker, PMACWA

Mike Parker thanked ACWA Dialogue participants for attending this meeting. He indicated the importance of this meeting as the group would now be completing the task of providing oversight and final recommendations for the national ACWA Program. Mike Parker thanked the Dialogue participants for helping him reach his goal as originally laid out in Public Law 104-208 to identify and demonstrate not less than two technologies. Furthermore, he noted that the additional goal outlined by the Dialogue of “deployment” of an alternative technology is likely to occur in at least one state, Colorado. He recognized that the Dialogue did not address many issues that some would have liked it to have, but that the Program and Dialogue were limited to the confines of the law.

Program Overview

--Bill Pehlivanian, Deputy Program Manager for ACWA

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Discussion regarding ACWA’s future role. Several Dialogue participants asked whether the ACWA Program was likely to serve as the manager through pilot of any sites implementing alternative technologies, as outlined in Public Law 105-261. Mike Parker and Bill Pehlivanian expressed that part of the DAB process would include Mr. Pete Aldridge, Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition Technology and Logistics, making a technology selection for Colorado and Kentucky as well as determining a management structure.

Technical Updates

--Jim Richmond, Darren Dalton, Ray Malecki, and Joe Mashinski from the ACWA Technical Team
--Representatives from Eco Logic/Foster Wheeler/Kvaerner
--Representatives from AEA/CH2M HILL
--Representatives from Parsons
--Representatives from General Atomics

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Summary and Evaluation of ACWA Technologies by the Citizens’ Advisory Technical Team (CATT)

--Irene Kornelly, Doug Hindman, Paul Walker, and Bob Palzer from the Citizens Advisory Technical Team

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Expression of Thanks. Many Dialogue participants took this opportunity to thank the CATT for the numerous volunteer hours they dedicated to the program and their careful tracking of the technical elements of the Program.

Applicability of Technologies to Sites. A Dialogue participant asked the CATT if they thought there was any more that could be said regarding the potential applicability of technologies to various sites. The CATT responded that it was outside their charter to suggest applicability, but as their slides state, various technologies have been proven effective for certain agents and weapons.

Guest Speaker, Major General John C. Doesburg, Commanding General, US Army, SBCCOM

--Major General Doesburg

Major General Doesburg discussed the security issues at the stockpile sites and the strategies in place since September 11. He emphasized that the greatest reduction to the security threat will be the safe elimination of the stockpiles. Major General Doesburg emphasized that it was important to have as many options as possible to eliminate the stockpile and thanked the Dialogue for overseeing the ACWA Program as it looked to alternatives to incineration.

Question regarding contingency plans. Major General Doesburg stated that at all of the stockpile sites they are looking at acceleration and contingency plans in light of September 11 and new security threats.

Thoughts regarding the importance of Dialogue. Major General Doesburg discussed the importance of dialogue on the national, state, and local level for helping to address the technical and political aspects of the program.

National Research Council Committee

--Robert Beaudet, NRC Committee Chair

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Question regarding the Blue Grass Report. Bob Beaudet explained that the next NRC Report will cover Blue Grass given the information they had available from Engineering Design Studies II at the time. A follow-up Letter Report will supplement that report, as additional information was made available to the NRC.

Question regarding the NRC's involvement in future local efforts. Bob Beaudet explained that the NRC Committee is committed to working through September. The NRC's role after that time has not been discussed or determined and will depend on ACWA's needs.

Environmental Update

--Drew Lyle, PMCD

--Jon Ware and Marsha Goldberg, ACWA

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Question regarding NEPA as acceleration options are considered. Jon Ware explained that if any significant changes are made regarding the options outlined in the EIS, then a review must happen and a supplemental EIS would be issued.

Question regarding the EIS process and potential future management. ACWA clarified that the entity that staffed the particular EIS is not necessarily the implementing program for a technology and site.

Concern regarding the "no action" option in the ACWA EIS. A Dialogue participant voiced concern that the "No Action" reads as though the ACWA Program is endorsing incineration. The language for no action states "Not to pilot test and to continue current activity."

Defense Acquisition Board (DAB) Overview

--Dr. Anna Johnson-Winegar, Deputy Assistant to Secretary of Defense for Chemical/Biological Defense

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Question regarding the opportunity for additional dialogue regarding national level issues. Anna Johnson-Winegar stated she and her colleagues were unable to make such a commitment at this time.

Colorado Update

--Scott Susman, ACWA

--John Klomp, Pueblo County Commissioner and Colorado CAC Chair

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John Klomp thanked the Dialogue, and specifically the representatives from Colorado for carefully looking out for the Pueblo community's interests in this Dialogue effort that assessed the options to incineration of the Pueblo stockpile site. John Klomp indicated that the Pueblo community was unified in its endorsement of neutralization followed by biotreatment. Mr. Klomp indicated that the community remains very interested in worker, environmental, and community safety; schedule; and costs. The community is hoping that there will be positive implications for the local

labor force. Mr. Klomp stressed that the community, in partnership with the state regulators, are willing to find creative ways to pursue acceleration options as long as they are protective of human health and the environment.

Kentucky Update

--Jim Richmond, ACWA

--Doug Hindman, Kentucky CAC Co-Chair

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Doug Hindman indicated that the Kentucky community is not as clearly aligned as it is in Colorado. The CAC has produced a document outlining chief concerns and perspectives based on a series of public meetings. Additionally, at a recent public meeting they conducted a polling exercise that indicated 90 percent of participants were opposed to incineration, 90 percent supported some form of neutralization, and 50 percent supported an electrochemical process. Additionally, Hindman indicated that the Kentucky community is quite frustrated by the number of schedule slippages, particularly in regard to the EISs and the DAB decision-making.

Closing Comments by Mike Parker, Program Manager for ACWA

In closing, Mike Parker thanked Dialogue participants for their contribution. Mike Parker acknowledged Bill Pehlivanian and the rest of the ACWA staff for truly executing the Program on a day-to-day basis. On a personal level Mike Parker expressed his appreciation for each Dialogue participant and their abilities to apply their care and concern for this issue in a positive manner. In acknowledgement of such efforts, Mike Parker presented Dialogue participants with a Certificate of Achievement signed by him and Anna Johnson-Winegar.